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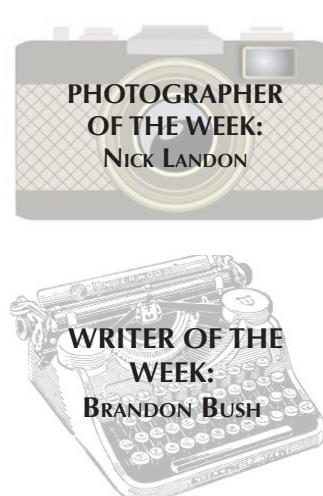
This issue covers a variety of topics. The News section has a brief on what happened with the power outage. We also are introducing you to a game club as well as a new Christian ministry on campus.

The Sports section spotlights Terrell Harris and the baseball team's unique traditions. The Sports desk also explores an apparent curse in the athletic department. The A&E section has a review of Chicago that

just left the mainstage. Also, The Colonnade's first Lust List is in the section. The Opinion section is about study abroad. Join us for pitch meetings on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in The Colonnade office.

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I talked to my crush today. I didn't say much, but at least I spoke.

GC Secure crashed my laptop.

I need some gym motivation.

There are so many people doing the ENO outside today.

My roommate now has 11 lizards.

To the girl who left her keys in the cubicle, your keys are in the cubicle.



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NEWS

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Sanford's ground floor is transformed into a board gamers haven



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You Game? is a board game night that invites anyone who wishes to take a break from school to come alone or with friends to play games and socialize.

"When I was in school I hated sports [and I] didn't have any interest in going downtown. It wasn't until I got involved with other organizations on campus that I met more people," said Trapper McLean, Community Advisor and You Game? Founder. "You Game? is my attempt to create an organization that students who are looking for something different can come and be a part of."

You Game? meets on Thursday nights at 7 p.m., not ending until everyone decides to leave, which is usually around midnight. The event is located on the

ground floor of Sanford Hall next to the reflection pool.

"Once a month we do a Saturday event," Elizabeth Lineman, junior pre-nursing major said. "We would like to maybe extend to a Dungeons and Dragons night, or a Magic the Gathering night, and attend conventions in the future."

Many individuals gather to play board games and hang out at the You Game? occasions that take place.

"The game I usually play the most is Mysterium, which is a more surreal version of Clue," Seth Hammond, freshman computer science major said. "You Game? is a great chance to meet new people and take a break from the work of the week."

The organization has a large game collection to choose from. People that do decide to join in are able to

pick the game that they and their friends would like to play. Many are able to learn new games if they choose any of the more rare games such as "Ticket to Ride" or "The Resistance." Others may choose to play the classics such as "Uno" or "Cards Against Humanity."

"The games come from Trapper, who has an extensive collection," Lineman said. "Some are from donations. Lots of people have sent in stuff and in return we send them pictures of us playing the games to show how much we enjoy them."

Anyone can pass by and join in on the fun. GC students that enjoy board games should check out the event on Thursdays, as Trapper and the rest of the You Game? crew hope to expand the event's weekly attendance.



Josh Parrish/Photographer
The collection of games that are available at You Game? is provided by the founder, Trapper McLean, and other donators.

New student-led ministry joins the GC campus



Emma Nortje
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Full Accord Ministry, or FAM, is a new student-led Christian Ministry working to create a gospel-centered community. It has already drawn a strong base of student support as it undergoes the process of becoming affiliated with the university.

"Full accord means operating with the same heart, the same mind and the same mission of advancing the Gospel and advancing the Gospel through authentic community," said co-founder Bailey Miller, sophomore mass communication major.

FAM's goal to operate in "full accord," derived from the Bible verse Philippians 2:2.

Each Thursday night,

FAM meets at 240 S. Liberty St. for a message and small-group discussion time in which members are encouraged to engage with people outside their typical friend groups.

"The part I look forward to the most each Thursday night is the small-group discussions we have afterwards," Alli McKnight, a GC student who has attended FAM for several weeks, said.

The creation of this ministry came from a need Miller and co-founders Collier Jackson and Tyler Joyner saw on campus — a need for authentic community that drives spiritual growth.

"We saw that need and are trying to be that something different people haven't found on campus," Jackson said.

The founders' desire to meet this need has

motivated them to seek an official presence on campus by constructing a constitution to bring before SGA.

"We are a fresh ministry so we have the mentality to be careful with the steps we take and look at the things that haven't worked and have worked in other ministries, and [we are] able to use [those things] to shape us," Joyner said.

FAM holds no affiliation with any denomination or churches and so far, remains the only branch.

The founders have been amazed at students' reactions towards FAM. The group continues to grow as word spreads, and the founders place no limits on their expectations of what they believe God can do through this ministry.



GC welcomes Alpha Tau Omega as its newest fraternity



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After announcing that a new fraternity would be added to campus Greek life, Georgia College welcomes Alpha Tau Omega as its newest fraternity. Leadership consultants Bo Hunter and Zach Vasseur are currently recruiting men to be the founding fathers of the organization.

"We're looking for the leaders on campus, men who first and foremost

care about their grades... [and] guys that are really well respected in the community," Hunter said.

Men that exemplify qualities such as those will be joining America's Leadership Development Fraternity. Being a part of ATO will allow for men to become leaders not only within the organization but in the community and later in life as well.

"We're trying to help men figure out what type of leader they are... and be the best version of that," Hunter said.

The way that new members are chosen is through a personable process in which they sit down with Hunter and/or Vasseur and talk about who they are, what they stand for, and why they are

interested in joining ATO. The goal of the personalized

"We're trying to help men figure out what type of leader they are... and be the best version of that."

**Bo Hunter,
ATO Recruiter**

interviews is "to make sure that they're a right fit for ATO and that ATO is a right fit for them as well," Vasseur said.

One of the ways a new member can fit into the fraternity is by being able to exemplify the values

the organization stands for. "What ATO is founded

on it love and respect and if you look around and you see the founding fathers, they'll all be wearing a white wrist band that says love and respect," said Luke Johnson, a sophomore new member. "When we take that wrist band we're taking that responsibility. So showing love and respect not only to our brothers but to other people outside the fraternity."

ATO currently has 56 members but it is still looking to recruit more. Anyone still interested in joining can contact Hunter

and Vasseur at zvasseur@ato.org and bhunter@ato.org. They can also attend ATO's colonization ceremony on March 11 which will be held in the University Banquet room at 7 p.m.

Vasseur is optimistic about the future of the ATO at GC saying, "There are some great quality guys here that didn't join greek life for whatever reason that are an awesome fit for ATO that are going to take ATO and bring it to a level completely unimagined."

Global 6K hosted by a college for the first time



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Georgia College has paired with World Vision to host the World Vision Global 6K for Water in Milledgeville. This run helps to raise money to provide clean drinking water to children in Africa. These children walk an average of 6 kilometers, or 3.7 miles in order to reach water which is often unsafe to drink.

Georgia College has been doing a lot of work to help World Vision rework the event to be put on at an institution of higher

education. It will be the first college to ever host this worldly event.

"In Celebration of World Water Week, over 10,000 people from all over the globe will be walking and running for the same cause – clean water," Community Director, Anna Burton said. "There will be 6K for Water events held in Australia, Canada, Germany, New York, California, Kenya, New Zealand, New York, Illinois and Georgia, to name a few."

The fee for entering in this run is \$50 and the money goes straight to the communities of Kenya. Also, each participant will

children of Africa walk an average of

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receive a unique child's photo on race day which can be worn on the race bib in support of the the people and communities they are helping.

"I think it's such a cool event and a great opportunity for our school as a whole," Caroline Bottomley, a senior management major said. "Being the very first college to do something like this is definitely something to brag about."

The event has been advertised around campus for weeks, encouraging students, faculty, and locals alike to sign up to run as an individual or as a team.

"I have run in a few different 5Ks and once I

heard about the cause that I would be supporting with World Vision, I couldn't pass it up," said senior Natalie Sleister. "I'm pretty excited for this one and I am trying to get my roommates on board too and put a team together."

The 6K will take place at the Depot with check-in times starting at 8:30 a.m. If anyone is interested in registering or donating to World Vision, visit gesu.worldvision6k.org. Also, check out the Global 6K for Water at Georgia College Facebook page to see details on routes, participants, videos and more.

He couldn't hold it

Obtained from GC Public Safety

While patrolling the area of Wilkinson Street and Montgomery Street on Feb. 26 at approximately 2 a.m., Officer Powell noticed a white male stumbling along a sidewalk on Montgomery Street. Powell made contact with him behind Miller Gym. The male stated that he was walking home. Powell noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the man's breath and noticed that he had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Powell called EMS after noticing that the male had urinated on himself and appeared to be very nauseous. He was taken to ORMC and no further action was taken.



Pat down for the turnt up

Obtained from GC Public Safety

On Feb. 22, a four door sedan was pulled over by Officer Powell after failing to stop at a red light. The driver's license was found to be expired for Failure to Appear with no serve date. After being asked to step out of the car, Powell began a pat down. In the middle of the pat down the driver admitted to having marijuana in his front left pocket. Once he retrieved the drug from the man's pocket, Powell asked to do a car search. The driver consented and another bag of marijuana was found in the passenger seat. Powell arrested the driver and turned him over to the jail for detention and processing. No further action was taken.

Keep an eye out

Obtained from GC Public Safety

While on patrol on West Campus on Feb. 28, Officer Brinkley came across a male stumbling in the parking. After making contact with him, Brinkley observed that the man had swollen and bleeding left eye, had slurred speech, and was having trouble standing upright. Brinkley asked him to sit on the curb and called for EMS. A female nearby stated that she was the designated driver for the night and that the he had gotten unruly when she attempted to get him into the car. She did not know what had happened to his eye. The male was transported to ORMC for treatment and observation and was dispatched later in the night. No further action was taken.

Damaged foundation

Obtained from GC Public Safety

On March 1 at approximately 12:15 p.m., the community director of Foundation Hall was looking through a property incident and found in surveillance footage that someone stole the Housing golf cart for a joyride. The golf cart had been parked outside the south entrance of Foundation Hall and later crashed into a back wall of Foundation. The golf cart was not damaged but the crash did result in a large hole in the back wall. Housing staff was able to determine the identity of the driver and passengers. Housing is forwarding their incident report to Student Affairs for judicial review.

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One way ticket to arrest

Obtained from GC Public Safety

Officer Brinkley was on Patrol on Feb. 20 when she observed a red trucking driving the wrong way down a one way street. After pulling over the vehicle, she was informed by dispatch that the registration on the tag was expired. When she approached the driver's side, the driver was observed shuffling around a stack of cards which he dropped a few of while handing over his license. After smelling alcohol on his breath and observing that he had bloodshot eyes, Brinkley asked if the driver would consent to Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. He consented and was later arrested by Brinkley for driving under the influence, going the wrong way down a one-way street, and for driving with an expired tag. Student judicial has been notified and no further action was taken.

Basketball



Courtesy of Georgia College Athletics

Senior Terrell Harris shakes Bobcat alum Jerry Scott's hand after surpassing his record as third-highest all-time Georgia College scorer. Scott's record career score was 1509, and Harris finished the season with 1636 career points as a Bobcat.

BOBCAT BREAKDOWN

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team swept the field at the PBC awards Friday, March 4. Terrell Harris won PBC's top honor Player of the Year, while teammate and fellow season star Isaac Thomas came home as Co-Freshman of the Year. Coach Mark Gainous was also awarded Co-Coach of the Year.

Baseball

Bobcat baseball had a full sweep of No. 16 North Georgia in the three-game weekend tournament at home. GC took the lead early with Friday's first victory, 5-1. Saturday's game two shocked with a nine-run Bobcat seventh, beating UNG 11-4. Bobcats secured the final "W" on Sunday with a 11-8 victory.

Softball

The Bobcats came away from the Shaw University Softball Challenge in Raleigh, North Carolina adding four wins and one loss to their 20-4 season record. The last two games of the weekend ended early per run rule. GC recorded 36 runs in the five-game tournament and allowed opponents only seven.



Brandon Bush
@presidentbush55

Jerry Scott, a former Bobcat basketball star who was previously the third-leading scorer in school history, spoke to The Colonnade about his time beyond college and current Bobcat star Terrell Harris eclipsing his once-held title.

colonnade: What were some of your most memorable moments playing at Georgia College?

jerry scott: I played from 1977 to 1981, and we didn't have that nice facility you have now. We played at either Walter B. Williams Park or at Georgia Military College, so even home games were an adventure. I was also able to play with my older brother Leonard, which was the biggest reason I decided to play at Georgia College.

colonnade: Where did you go after college?

scott: I went and played in Australia, and basketball was a fairly new sport there at the time. We played in the summer from June to August during afternoons. There were about 22 American players and after a mini-draft, they had two Americans per Australian team. It was kind of a slow start because rugby and soccer are their big sports.

colonnade: How did basketball and Georgia College affect your future?

scott: It taught me how to be a team player and how to work well with others. I learned to be both a gracious winner and loser. I think it made me a well-rounded man.

"If anybody were to pass me, I would want it to be somebody like Terrell. Great player with high integrity. I was at the Clayton State game where he beat the record and met him at half court to shake his hand. It was a great moment."

Jerry Scott,
GC Basketball Alum

Macon. I still enjoy playing basketball when I can. I've been playing at a YMCA in Decatur. This past Sunday I went to a Hawks game. I still love the game, and life is still good.

colonnade: You were the third-leading scorer in Georgia College history, but now it's Terrell Harris. How do you feel that somebody else took the title?

scott: It doesn't bother me at all. I'm happy that it went to Terrell, and I'm honestly surprised I've held onto it for this long. If anybody were to pass me, I would want it to be somebody like Terrell. Great player with high integrity. I was at the Clayton State game where he beat the record and met him at half court to shake his hand. It was a great moment. It's been awhile since I've been to Georgia College, and it was like I hadn't left at all.

colonnade: Do you notice any similarities between him and yourself?

scott: He's unselfish and doesn't force the issue. He let's the game come to him and trusts his teammates the way I always have.

colonnade: What is life like for you today?

scott: I've been a banker with Bank of America for about 15 years now, and I'm currently living in McDonough, Georgia. I have a 26-year-old son who works as political science teacher at Central High School in

colonnade: If you have any advice for Terrell what would it be?

scott: Keep pursuing the dream, because I think he can play at the next level. I've had a chance to tell him and his family that. I know he can get it done.

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Harris, Scott

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The Colonnade also took some time to speak to Harris about his record-breaking career and the future that lies ahead of him.

colonnade: How does it feel to be the new third-all time leading scorer?

terrell harris: At the time I was more focused on winning that game and clinching a spot in the tournament. It's kind of starting to hit me now when I look back on my accomplishments. But it's special, you work hard and train up to this point all year long and to get a prestigious honor like that and have him personally come all the way here to meet me at half court meant a lot.

colonnade: What was it like meeting Scott?

harris: He's a true pioneer and one of the all-time greats at Georgia College. I was honored to meet him. As a competitive athlete you want to leave your mark and have a legacy the way he did, and that's been one of my goals.

colonnade: How do you want to be remembered at Georgia College?

harris: Just as a person who made an impact on other people's lives. I believe if you're not

helping others in your life then you're wasting your time. I want to be remembered as a person who helped others and was unselfish and who was happy and fun to be around. As somebody who came every day with a good work ethic. I want to be remembered as a positive guy.

colonnade: What's next for you?

harris: Everybody's been asking me that lately. I'm in the process of hiring an agent. I'm definitely trying to play professional basketball, the question is where. It's going to be a long process, and I'm taking my time with it. Once I hire an agent then they do the talking for me. I don't know if it will be NBA or overseas, but I'm going to try.

colonnade: How has basketball shaped you as a person?

harris: It took me a lot of places. I've been all across the country and met so many people and built so many relationships. I've met my best friends at different places, especially at Georgia College. What a journey it has been. It's been good to me. I took care of basketball, now it's time for basketball to take care of me.



Courtesy of Georgia College Athletics
Harris scores adds another two against Peach Belt rivals Columbus State University Feb. 6. He set the single-season record with 655 points against Lander Feb. 24.

PEACH BELT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Baseball

PBC	Overall
Columbus State.....5-1	16-4
Augusta University.....5-1	13-6
USC Aiken.....9-3	14-4
Lander.....9-3	16-5
Georgia College.....6-3	10-7

Softball

PBC	Overall
USC Aiken.....2-0	14-6
Georgia Southwestern..2-0	16-10
UNC Pembroke.....2-0	11-8-1
Georgia College.....3-1	20-4
Francis Marion.....2-2	17-7

Men's Tennis

PBC	Overall
Lander.....5-0	8-1
Armstrong State.....1-0	5-1
Columbus State.....4-1	7-3
Augusta University.....2-2	8-2
North Georgia.....2-2	7-2
USC Aiken.....2-2	6-3
Flagler.....2-2	5-6
Young Harris.....1-2	6-2
Georgia College.....1-2	4-4

Women's Tennis

PBC	Overall
Columbus State.....6-0	9-3
Flagler.....4-0	9-1
Armstrong State.....1-0	6-1
Francis Marion.....4-1	10-2
Young Harris.....2-1	5-1
Georgia College.....3-2	7-4

Golf

Bobcat leaderboard
for South/Southeast Region Preview

T-40 Harrison Stewart..82	74	76	232	+16
T-44 Matias Chappero...76	74	83	233	+17
T-44 Harry Lambert....78	76	79	233	+17
T-57 David Sullivan.....80	80	78	238	+22
61st Conner Albright....78	80	81	239	+23

Men's Tennis

Bobcat men shut out No. 48 Wingate on home courts Saturday with a dominating 9-0 final match score. GC started on top early, winning all three doubles matches. Senior Taylor Powell also recorded his 100th win after two wins against Wingate opponents.

Women's Tennis

The Bobcat women mirrored the men's domination over No. 35 Wingate, beating the Bulldogs in every singles and doubles match-up. The 9-0 victory adds to their 7-4 season record. Each set came quick and easy for the Bobcats, most only allowing one or two opponent points.

Golf

The Bobcats traveled to Florida, for their second tournament of the spring season. The team finished tenth at the South/Southeast Region Preview, their first top-ten finish since the end of September. Junior Harrison Stewart shot the low round for the Bobcats, finishing T-40 with the lowest score 74 in round three.

Softball



Sam Jones &
Brooke Moore
@gcsunade

Sports fans are always looking for someone to blame.

Video game covers, Sports Illustrated, black cats and goats have all infamously been blamed for soul-crushing losses, horrible performances and season-ending injuries.

For Georgia College softball, the Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week award has become what the Curse of the Bambino was to Boston, what Lil B the Based God's curse is to Kevin Durant, what the Billy Goat is to Chicago and what the Curse of Robert Labonte -- yes this is a real thing, look it up -- was to the Canadian national curling team in the 70's.

Each week the conference awards the title of PBC Player, Pitcher, or Freshman of the Week to an outstanding player in each category. However,

PBC Players of the Week cursed... or are they?

according to GC softball head coach Jamie Grodecki, this reward doesn't come without consequence.

"We are proud of our athletes for receiving this award," said coach Grodecki, the softball head coach, "but if we have a good week, I would rather none of my girls get nominated for this award."

For GC softball, winning one of the awards has become a strange amalgam of a major honor and a bearer of imminent bad news.

The curse, which started as a joke amongst the players, gained life — confirmation bias is an amazing thing — as, supposedly, after a player won an award, their performance immediately suffered the next week.

But does winning an award from the good folks at PBC headquarters really signal an 0-for-5, three-strikeout performance on the horizon?

We found every single weekly award winner that has touched the diamond for Georgia College since

Coach Grodecki arrived for the 2011 season, and examined their performance the week after winning a PBC award.

The "PBC Curse" isn't nearly as scary as the Bobcats might think.

For the hitters, we looked at the three stats designed to most quickly and simply show a player's value at the plate; batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage. For pitchers, we simply took their earned run average.

We took those stats from the week after a player wins a PBC award and compared them to their regular season averages for that year. From those stats we simply judged whether or not the player contributed above or below their average output that week. If we found that the players performance suffered after winning the award, then the PBC Curse must be real and we would have to suggest moving the Bobcats to a new field that wasn't built on a Native-American burial ground.

It's not the most

scientific analytics research ever done, but we go to Georgia College, not MIT.

First, we looked at the numbers for first PBC award winner of 2016, senior Taylor Campbell. Campbell won PBC Player of the Week honors since 2011 were also above average, although only slightly. The hurler's collective ERA the week after the award was 1.72, while their mean ERA from the season they won the award was 1.77.

However, after a quick panic attack and a google search for the next available priest that could come and provide blessings over the Peeler Complex on short notice, we looked at the rest of the award winners and found that, generally, the Bobcat award winners perform on par with their normal averages, and a few even perform better after winning.

Excluding Campbell's out of character week, the four Bobcats who were named Player of the Week, on average, hit 31 points higher than their regular season batting average.

Their collective on-base percentage rose from .476 to .516 and their slugging percentage was 41 points better.

The six Bobcat pitchers who have been bestowed with Pitcher of the Week honors since 2011 were also above average, although only slightly. The hurler's collective ERA the week after the award was 1.72, while their mean ERA from the season they won the award was 1.77.

While the curse was thought to belong to those who won Player or Pitcher of the week, it appears the real hex might be on the Bobcat freshman. Well, at least the freshman hitters.

The two freshman pitchers who won the award had an average ERA two runs less than their season average the week after they won the award. Meanwhile, the freshman who have won the award for their performance at the plate saw significant drop-offs.

The batting average for players the week after winning Freshman of the Week was 61 points lower

than their final season average. Their on-base percentage was 56 points lower than average and their slugging percentage plummeted off a cliff, dropping 117 points lower than their season average a week after winning the award.

So, is there a black magic hex on the Bobcats?

Funny enough, the player with best performance after winning an award? Two-time PBC Player of the Week Taylor Campbell, who's average was 127 points higher than normal after winning the award her junior year.

Not much of a curse.

Maybe now, with the burden of a supernatural jinx lifted from their shoulders, (Except the freshmen. Watch out freshman.) the Bobcats can play with cleared minds and cruise to a PBC title without superstition getting in the way.

Fingers crossed.

#11 Taylor Campbell

GP – 23
At bats – 73
Runs – 12
HRs – 5
RBIs – 24
Avg. – .329
OBP – .378
Slug – .603



GP – 15
W-L – 9-2
IP – 79.1
BB – 30
K – 74
K/G – 6.53
ERA – 0.88

#10 Carly Lewis

UP NEXT...

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Bobcat Tennis
in Milledgeville, Ga.
vs. North Georgia
at 2 p.m.

Bobcat Baseball
vs. Southern Indiana
at Lake Point, Ga.
First pitch at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 4-6

Bobcat Baseball Tournament
at Columbus State
Game 1 – Friday at 4 p.m.
Game 2 – Saturday at 3 p.m.
Game 3 – Sunday at 1 p.m.

Bobcat Tennis Saturday
in Milledgeville, Ga.
Men and Women
vs. Young Harris at 11 a.m.
Women vs. Clark Atlanta at 5 p.m.

Bobcat Softball
Saturday
vs. Wingate
Game 1 at noon
Game 2 at 2 p.m.

Courtesy of Georgia College Athletics

Baseball

Bobcats walk up to hip-hop favorites, middle school throwbacks

Each year, returning players choose embarrassing walk-up songs for new freshmen. This year's high-lights include popular Selena Gomez ballads and game show theme songs.



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Stout
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Freshman Bobcat baseball players walk up to the plate to whimsical songs which are handpicked for them by veteran players. Though it may seem embarrassing, the rookies up to bat find it relaxing to their minds before the first pitch.

Senior Chris Gammon along with the other upperclassman players composed the playlist for

this season.

"We try to find something funny - not too overboard but keeps them loose in the game," said Gammon. "As a freshman, it's a different beast coming out to play in college, and if you can find a way to calm them down, it can help."

The older players spent three to four weeks picking out the songs and later matched them to each player.

Freshman pitcher Jonathan McKinney was given the honor of the "Price Is Right" theme song.

"I don't know why they

thought this song fit me, but it helps me stay loose when I go up to bat," said McKinney.

According to junior Brandon Benson, the team is careful in the selection to make sure the more bothersome songs are not played as frequently.

"We make sure the songs we don't want to hear as much go to the pitchers and non-position players because they only bat three to four times a game," said Benson.

The older players evidently favor pop songs. Everything from Katy Perry to Justin Bieber has

made an appearance on the freshman walk-up list.

Freshman Garrett Green calls his walk up song, "Can't Keep My Hands to Myself" by Selena Gomez, the fan favorite.

"It kind of calms me down in big clutch moments," said Green. "It's a fun walk out. You kind of laugh a little bit as you go to the plate, but when you step in the box, it's time to focus."

Freshman Wesley Wommack walks up to "Toxic" by Britney Spears and has made a name for himself because of it.

"People are always like,

'That's the Brittany Spears kid,'" said Wommack. "When I first stepped up to bat this season and heard that song, it made me bust out laughing and helped me calm down."

According to Wommack, this is a Bobcat baseball tradition and all freshman players coming through the program have their turn.

Pitcher Cameron Busby, referred to by teammates as the "country boy", was given the song "It's Going Down" by Young Joc to walk up to his freshman year, and he has stuck with it as an upperclassmen.

Although it seems like

cruel embarrassment for the freshmen, the veteran players started this tradition to not only mess with fresh meat but to also help them ease any anxiety they may have when they step up to the plate so they can relax and play the game they love.

"It makes you not think too much and brings you down to Earth," McKinney said.



Check it out for yourself on our Spotify playlist

*Songs are listed in alphabetical order by player's last name. Not included: Freshman Josh Fellows - "Bad Blood" by Taylor Swift, Junior Evan Hilton - "Awesome God" by R-Swift and Sophomore Brandon Purcell - "Whistlin' Dixie" by Randy Houser.



Sassy Cats take PBC Championship



Courtesy of Georgia College Athletics

The Sassy Cats Dance Team took home the top honor at the Peach Belt Conference Championships Saturday March 5.

Bobcat Soccer hosts free youth clinic



Sydney Chacon/ Senior Photographer

The women of the Georgia College soccer team taught 64 kids from kindergarten to eighth grade on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Baldwin County Soccer Complex. The team organized five different stations focusing on possession, one-versus-one, passing, receiving and goal keeping. At the end of the day, the participants joined together for a final scrimmage. Pictured, freshman Unnbjorg Omarsdottir teaches how to pass.

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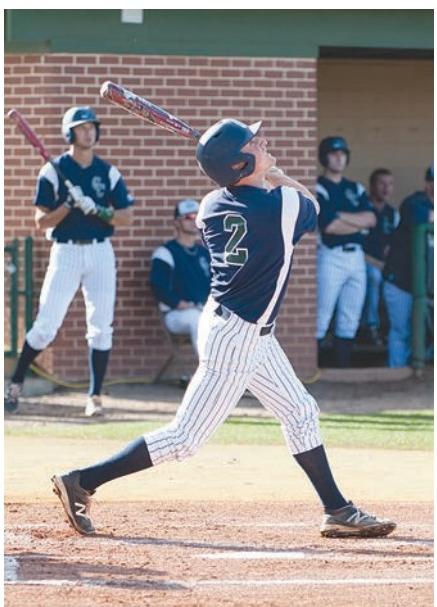
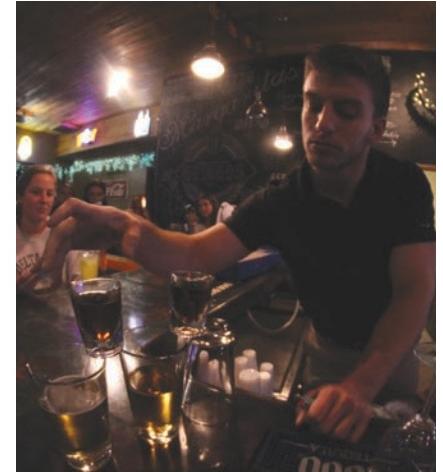
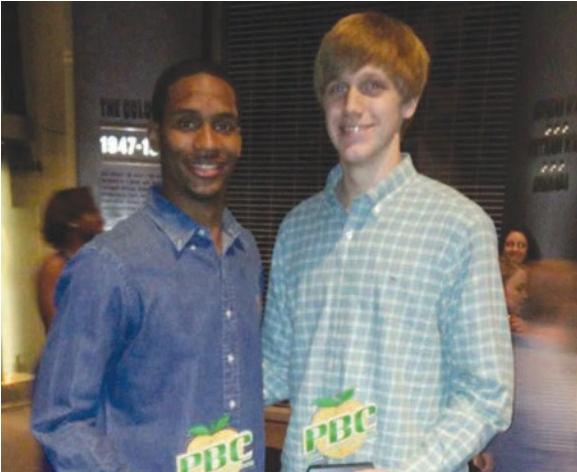


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Milly's Finest

The Colonnade brings you Milly's finest. Students voted on Facebook to decide on people around town who stuck out as being some of the cutest people in Milledgeville. The Milly's finest list is based on 'The Lust List' that Creative Loafing puts out in order to highlight some familiar faces.



Q&A's with Milly's finest

Tilly the Cat

NL: What qualities do you most look for in a man?

TH: *blinks twice, licks foot*

NL: Why do you think you were nominated?

TH: *stares blankly at cup on coffee table*

NL: What would you

consider your ideal life to be?

TH: *pulls carpet with paw, blinks, tilts ear*

NL: What do you love

about your job?

TH: *stares, walks to farthest corner of living room rug*

NL: If you could tell a

younger version of yourself anything, any advice, what would you say?

TH: *walks in small circle, yawns*



BETHANY HULL
Buffington's Bartender

Bethany Hull
senior environmental science major

NL: What qualities do you most look for in a man?

BH: Generosity, positivity- that's a big one for me.

NL: Why do you think you were nominated?

BH: I think because I like to smile at people. I think when you're friendly with your customers, then yeah- it makes sense.

NL: What would you consider your ideal life to be?

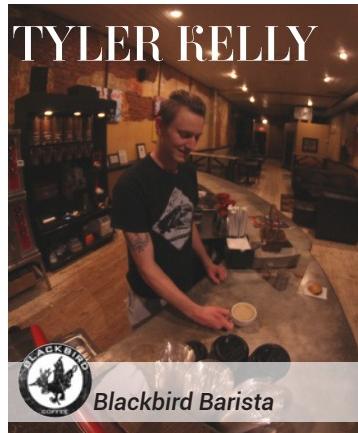
BH: My ideal life would involve a lot of travelling to a lot of different places and trying a lot of new things. I love nature, so the more time I can spend outdoors, the better. I just want to see a lot of the world.

NL: What do you love about your job?

BH: I love that I can come to work and have a good time. I can listen to good music, work with people that I like, and have great customers.

NL: If you could tell a younger version of yourself anything, any advice, what would you say?

BH: I spent so much of my life being insecure- I would just tell myself to love myself and to be secure in my own body. I think that can get you really far in life.



TYLER KELLY
Blackbird Barista

Tyler Kelly, senior rhetoric major

NL: Which qualities do you look for in a woman?

TK: I definitely want her to be smart. I want to be able to talk about cool things, things that I think about, and for her to be able to respond and to challenge me. But also, I want to be attracted to her, I want her to be funny. So all of the good qualities, I guess [laughs].

NL: Why do you think you were nominated?

TK: Because I try to be nice?

NL: What would you say is your life dream- your ideal life?

TK: Just to be happy and successful. Not successful being have a lot of money and have a big house, just to be successful with what I'm doing. Just somewhere where I can be happy and I can make other people happy in somewhat- my family, my wife, my friends, whoever.

Do you have a personal motto?

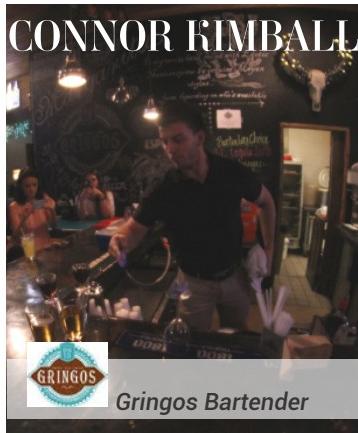
TK: I guess just- be cool, don't worry about it.

NL: What do you love about your job?

TK: The people I work with, the people I work for. It makes it pretty easy to come in to work.

NL: If you could say anything to a younger version of yourself, what advice would you give him?

TK: Oh my gosh, so much. Just don't sweat it. Don't worry about it, stop worrying about everything, it's going to be ok.



CONNOR KIMBALL
Gringos Bartender

Connor Kimball, senior economics, bartender at Gringos.

What qualities do you most look for in a man?

CK: There's qualities that are very important in a girl, but I don't like girls who don't have any motivation, or don't have any sense of purpose for whatever they're doing, and I like, I like athletic girls, I like people who are nice to those around them. And you gotta be clean, can't be messy.

Why do you think you were nominated?

CK: My friend William Stubbs is not in this contest, so I feel like somehow it's rigged in my favor, I don't know what it is but I'll get to the bottom of it. Besides that, I work really hard, I try to be the best I can for my customers, and make sure everybody has a good time.

What is your general approach to life?

CK: I like to plan things out, I like to set goals, and chase after those. I put a lot on my plate, the busier I am the more I can be the best I can be, and when I don't overload myself I kind of go off the rails, so I like to take on lots of commitments. It's been really important to have friends who are like minded, and mentor figures who help me along the way.



STEVIE SEAY
Chops Bartender

Stevie Seay, bartender at Gringos.

What qualities do you most look for in a man?

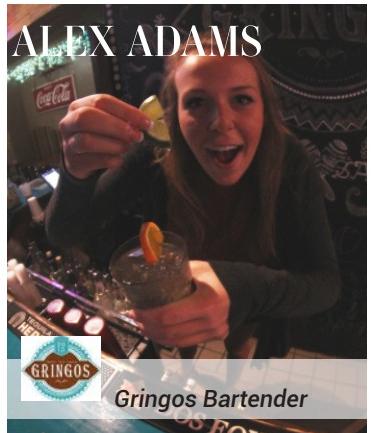
SS: People I can really connect to and talk with about anything, someone who's really open minded to whatever I have to say. I don't want to feel judged, I just want them to understand where I'm coming from honestly, my point of view, so really just an open minded kind of person.

Why do you think you were nominated?

SS: I would honestly say, my attitude behind the bar. When I'm working, the people around me and the energy that I feel, I feed off of that, and that's what gets me more energy and that's what makes me smile and makes me laugh, so when there isn't a lot of people around me at the bar, and I'm really stressed out, that's what makes me happy, it makes me smile and laugh and makes me really loud, and I think that's what attracts people to the bar, so, I guess my attitude while I'm at work.

What would you say your ideal life would be?

SS: I want to be a PR manager for a record label, I really like music, so I would love to do that as a job. I'd love to live in the city for a while, I'm from a really small town, I graduated high school with like thirty people, and now I live in Milledgeville, which is not the biggest town ever, so I really want to live in the city and work for a record label, and really be able to live on my own.



ALEX ADAMS
Gringos Bartender

Alex Adams, marketing major and community health minor sophomore, and another bartender at Gringos.

What qualities do you most look for in a man?

AA: Someone that is a good time, someone that respects me.

Why do you think you were nominated?

AA: well, the lighting at Gringos is pretty dark, so that probably helps.

What would you say your dream life would be?

AA: well I would love to open an orphanage, that's my dream. But it'd be tough, so I'd say, just to live every day to its fullest, and don't pass up opportunities, and live up to my potential.

What do you love most about your job?

AA: I love getting to see my friends downtown, everyone's having fun, no one's really complaining when you're giving them a drink.

If you could tell a younger version of yourself anything, any advice, what would you say?

AA: I would not care as much about my grades, it doesn't matter, I ended up at GCSU, so it doesn't take too much. Don't get as mad at my parents for grounding me, spend more time with them, because I took that for granted a lot, and now I don't get to see them as much. I wouldn't see myself being a bartender at Gringos, I'll tell you that.



Photo courtesy of Paul Berman
Julie Eyerly and Harlee Pope dance their final performance during the run of 'Chicago' the mainstage musical for the semester.

GOODBYE 'CHICAGO'

 Taylor Lancaster
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The cold sting of Fred Casely's backhand struck Roxie's cheek, sending ripples down her neck. He came towards her like a mad man, and she fought with all the strength she could muster. And when he reached for the gun in her bureau, she reached faster, grabbing it and firing three rounds into Fred Casely's torso and head. She acted in defense of herself; completely understandable. "We Both Reached For The Gun" was my personal favorite musical number that the talented cast and crew over at Georgia College's Department of Theatre and Dance performed in their rendition of Chicago.

Every aspect of the show, from the dancing choreographed by Amelia Pelton, to the lights designed by Phillip Wray, to the live music performed by the Georgia College Jazz Band, blew me away. This show pushed the boundaries

of what has been performed before at GC, from the massive several step set, large enough to hold the entire Jazz Band eight feet in the air, to the rope lights at the bottom of each step individually controlled by light designer Phillip Wray. The countless hours that the cast and crew of the show have put into the production was apparent by the fluidity of each scene.

"I can tell the performers put in an insane amount of work, because everything ran so smoothly," Rebecca Gaylor, senior psychology major said. "I was amazed at how great everyone sounded, especially Velma. I have no idea how she sang so well while doing those routines."

Gaylor said she would like to personally high five everyone involved with the production because they did such a great job.

"The dancing was my favorite part," Max Spehr, sophomore computer science major, said. "I know they worked really hard on that, just to be able to remember everything that they had to do, I thought was amazing."

Spehr thinks that the cast and crew were able to tap into the spirit of the 1920s through the outfits and hair styles. From the reporter's grey suits, to Velma and Roxie's sparkling sequin dresses, each outfit was crafted to represent a time when flappers were all the rage, and women could easily razzle dazzle a jury. "I think compared to all the shows I've seen so far, this was the best," Spehr said.

Jessica McQuain, a senior English major, would agree with Spehr. Chicago is her favorite musical, and she says that if she could say anything to the cast of the show, she would ask for a private performance for her birthday. "I was so impressed with them. It was so great. I loved the interaction between the cast, it all seemed to move so fluidly."

The Georgia College Department of Theatre and Dance has done it again, and this time, we had it coming. We had it coming all along. If you'da been there, if you'da seen it, how could you tell me that I was wrong?

Max Noah Singers to perform in Europe



Emily McClure
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Georgia College's Max Noah Singers have been invited to perform at an international festival in Budapest, Hungary and Vienna, Austria this May. The Max Noah Singers are one of only two college choral groups from the United States invited to participate in this festival.

"This will be the first time that a choral ensemble from Georgia College has gone abroad," the group's director, Jennifer Flory said. "This is a huge deal. This is the first time we've been able to put something like this together."

Flory submitted a recording as the group's audition for this opportunity and received email invitations from both Dr. Larry Wyatt, the artistic director of the KI festival, and Oliver Scofield, the

Executive Chairman of KIConcerts.

In Budapest, at their performance of Joseph Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, the Max Noah Singers will be accompanied by a full orchestra for the first time. The mass will take place in St. Peter's Church, which was founded in the fourth century and is the second oldest church in Vienna.

"Being able to represent Georgia College and the state of Georgia at an international level is a huge honor," Brent Goldsmith, a member of the Max Noah Singers said. "Also, being able to sing with a professional orchestra in one of the countries where some of the top composers of all time were from is pretty amazing."

This trip holds benefit for the singers' future careers, as well.

"Especially for the folks that are continuing on in music, I think it's really good for their résumés in terms of graduate school

and even for getting teaching jobs," Flory said.

In addition to being an impressive résumé item, this trip will enhance the group's profile.

"If successful, it opens tons of doors for trips in the future," Tevauri Marshall, another ensemble member said.

The Max Noah Singers received the invitation in May 2015, so the group has been looking forward to this trip for nine months. This academic year, as they have learned and performed some difficult pieces of music, the group members have become very close, Goldsmith said.

"They are some of the most talented people that I've ever been around, personally," he said.

The Max Noah Singers are selling t-shirts as a fundraiser for their trip. Those interested in making a donation or purchasing a t-shirt can contact GC's Department of Music for more information.



Studying abroad should be considered by students



Lou Schreckenberger poses in China during his study abroad trip. He explores ancient sites and immerses himself in the culture.



Taken from Facebook

 Lou Schreckenberger
@louwschreck

Studying abroad is something that every college student needs to experience. The possibilities are endless. You could end up anywhere from the roaming hills in Ireland to the beautiful landscape of New Zealand. There are many things to experience when studying abroad. Kayla Bennett, a sophomore Athletic Training major said maybe

the most important aspect of studying abroad is about friendships that are made.

"I really built great connections and friendships that you can only develop when you explore a foreign country with someone, it was a truly a once in a lifetime experience," Bennett said.

The people you meet in another country will really open your eyes to something incredible. It's amazing to be able to experience everything about another culture from the food to the different personalities of the people

you meet.

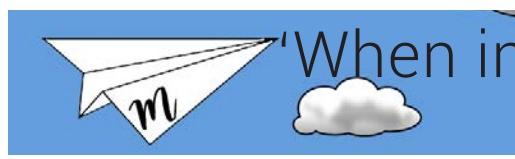
A reason I know most of you won't want to study abroad is because you don't think you can afford it. However, there are so many scholarship opportunities including one through Georgia College.

There are so many others as well that can be found through the International Education Center at the Bone House. Another big reason a lot of you might not want to study abroad is because a lot of you might be a little scared to leave the country and experience something completely

different than what you're used to. While this may be the case, Willie Ledezma, a senior Management Information Systems major advises students to ignore those feelings.

"Just let their fears go away and learn something new about themselves," Ledezma said. "However, most importantly, that they go on their trip with an open mind and try to make every experience worthwhile."

As long as you can find these scholarships and open your mind to something you will find true happiness in another culture.



 Jessie Ross

'When in Milly', a new YouTube webseries hitting campus and the Milledgeville community, is the brainchild of Georgia College mass

communication senior, Haley Myers. Myers began the series as a project for a class.

"I never would have dreamed that it would become what it is now – a webseries that is used to showcase unique people, places and passions found in the Milledgeville community," Myers said.

I love this town, and I love that I've been given the honor to connect with it more with the help of classmates for our capstone project."

This series continues to bridge the gap between the school and the community by giving students the opportunity to take a second look outside their campus

COLUMNADE SPEAKS OUT

about the new campus safety act



"Criminals, by definition, will never obey the law. So, this proposed legislation would allow citizens to exercise their 2nd Amendment right and protect those around them should a threat or attack occur. But I understand the concern of often irresponsible college students mixing guns with copious amounts of alcohol. I honestly don't see any problems happening if the bill is passed, though, regardless of opinion."

-Angela Moryan,
Sports Editor



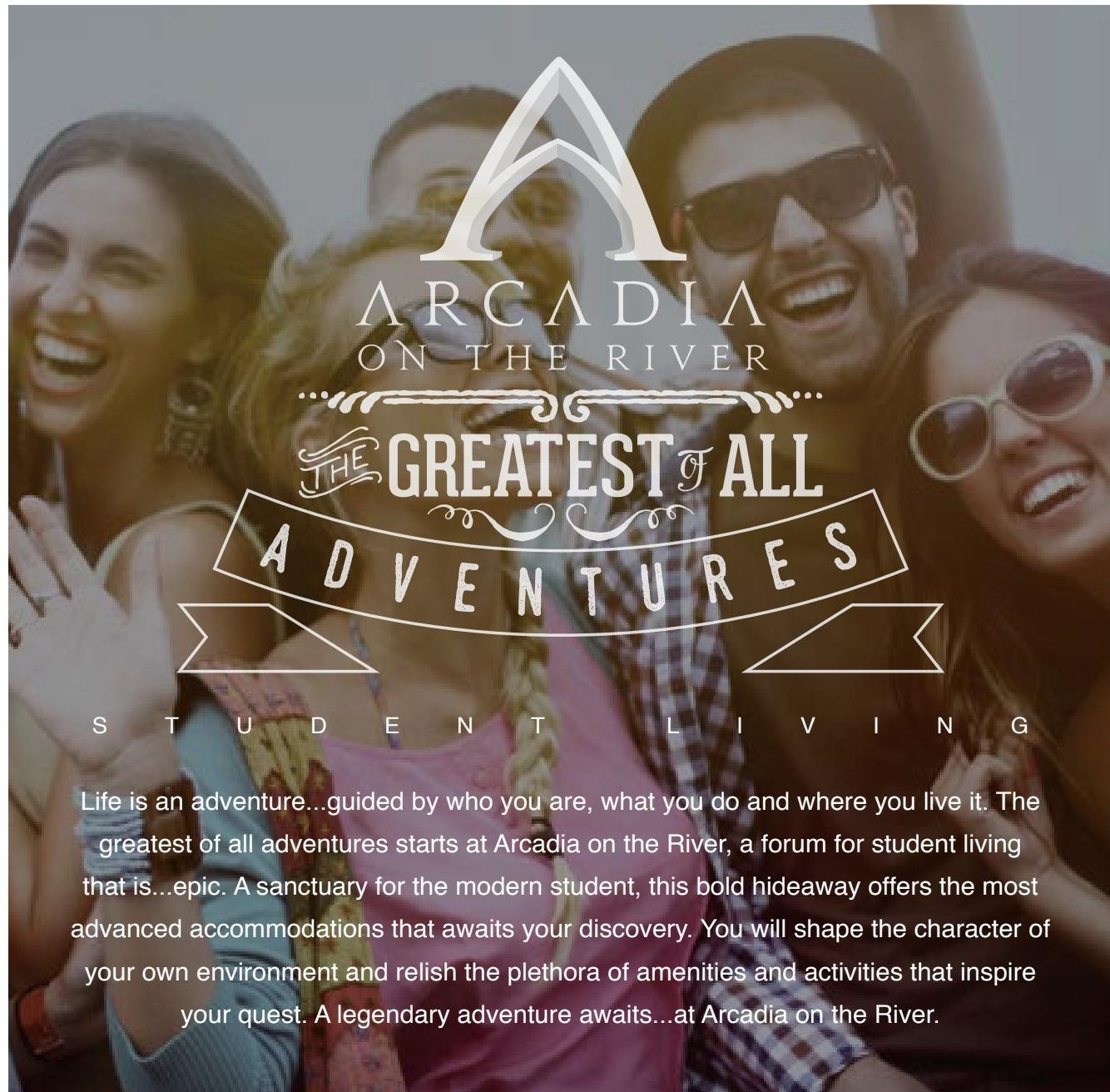
"I just think if we have more guns on campus there will be a bigger chance of someone who isn't licensed to get their hands on a gun and wreak havoc on our campus."

-Emma Nortje,
News Editor

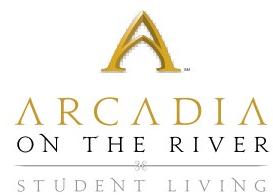


"I think that this needs a little more consideration before it is passed. I think that guns pose a huge threat, especially on college campuses."

-Taylor Hembree,
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